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Newport Beach Public Library Receives Top Ranking

NEWPORT BEACH, Ca. – The Newport Beach Public Library has again received the highest ranking of California public libraries in its population category according to Hennen's American Public Library Rankings (HAPLR). Newport Beach tied for first place with the City of Mountain View out of 44 public libraries in communities with populations from 50,000 to 100,000.

The HAPLR Index identifies the public libraries in the United States with the highest input and output measures. The study focuses on 15 key factors, including funding levels, collections, staffing, hours open, number of visitors and reference services. Rankings are based on nationwide public library statistics collected from more than 9,000 public libraries.

Mayor Keith Curry said, "Newport Beach is justly proud of its nationally acclaimed library. Being the top ranked library in the state for our population group is reflective of our high quality staff and many active volunteers. I am very proud of Cynthia Cowell and our entire library team."

The Newport Beach Public Library has traditionally finished within the top three libraries in its category. For the complete HALPR report, please visit www.haplr-index.com.

The Newport Beach Public Library system includes the Central Library and three branch libraries. It has a \$5.97 million budget and a staff of 85 employees in library services and cultural arts. The Library has two non-profit support groups, the Friends of the Newport Beach Public Library and the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation.

For more information about the Newport Beach Public Library, please visit www.newportbeachca.gov/nbpl/ or contact Cynthia Cowell, library services director, at 949-717-3801.